

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael A. Slivka et al.

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Entitled: NON-FUSION SCOLIOSIS CORRECTION
SYSTEMS AND METHODS

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Examiner: Mary C. Hoffman

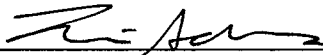
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2007.

The Examiner requires restriction of the above-referenced application to one of the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1-44, drawn to a device; and

Group II: claims 45-52, drawn to a method.

Applicants elect the Group I claims (claims 1-44). Accordingly, claims 45-52 are withdrawn from consideration.